

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

\* CRIMINAL NO. 14-0050

VERSUS

\* JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES

WOODY DALE BRANTON

\* MAG. JUDGE KAREN L. HAYES

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON  
FELONY GUILTY PLEA BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), and with the written and oral consent of the defendant, this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of Guilty Plea, and Allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This cause came before the undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge for a change of plea hearing and allocution of the defendant, Woody Dale Branton, on August 27, 2014. Defendant was present with his counsel, Ms. Shelley Goff.

After said hearing, it is the finding of the undersigned that the defendant is fully competent, that his plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary, and his guilty plea to Count One of the Indictment, is fully supported by a written factual basis for each of the essential elements of the offense.

In addition, at the hearing, both the government and the defendant waived their right to object to the report and recommendation. Accordingly,

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the District Court ACCEPT the guilty plea of the defendant, Woody Dale Branton, in accordance with the terms of the plea agreement filed in the record of these proceedings, and that Woody Dale Branton be finally adjudged guilty of the

offense charged in Count One of the Indictment.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that, pursuant to the parties' waiver of their right to object, that the District Court immediately adopt the report and recommendation without passage of the customary delays.

In Chambers, at Monroe, Louisiana, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.



KAREN L. HAYES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE